

# Autumn Term 2024

## Chestnut Class

This term our topic is:  
**LET'S EXPLORE!**



Welcome back! I hope you've all had a lovely summer.

### English

This term we will be using a range of texts linked to the idea of exploring new places and/or transport, beginning with the picture book *Grandad's Island* by Benji Davies. Children will have daily handwriting lessons and will be focus on developing skills of sentence writing.



### Maths

We will be doing lots and lots of number recognition, counting and ordering: thinking about place value (tens and units) and how numbers build up and continue as we explore the number system with numbers up to 100. We will also be adding and subtracting and then using this knowledge to solve simple problems. We will think about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes - recognising, naming and describing them.

### Computing

Our computing lessons will take place on Thursday mornings. We will be learning about how to use ICT safely and for different purposes. Children will learn basic skills of logging on, using passwords, opening documents, saving work and some simple word processing skills.



### Theme (Science, History, Geography, DT and Art)

During our History lessons, we will be learning about transport and how it has changed over time. We have a trip arranged linked to this on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October (more details about this will follow soon). Our Geography and Science work will focus around the topic of weather. We will explore seasonal changes

in weather patterns and learn a little about using weather forecasts. We will also learn that areas around the equator are hot, whilst the North and South Poles are cold. During DT we will be linking with our Geography and Science work on seasons and weather and making some moving pictures. Children will be given the opportunity to experiment with different mechanisms and will use this to then design and make their own. Our Art focus will be collage. We will be using collage to create transport pictures along with some natural materials collage in our forest school sessions.



## Music

During our Music lessons this term will be learning how to find the pulse and recognise a beat in music. They will sing songs like 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and also be introduced to other musical terms such as pitch and rhythm. During the second half term we will spend some time in our music lessons learning the songs for our Christmas production.

## RE

Our focus religion in the first half term will be Hinduism and we will explore how Hindus think about their god. After the holiday, we will study Christianity. We will learn that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday and what this means to Christians.

## PE

PE sessions are usually every Thursday and alternate Wednesdays and during these we will focus on ball skills. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day and that all items are names.



### **Learning At Home:**

You will find some things in your child's book bag to help them with their learning.

**Reading books and library book:** Please try to listen to your child read a small amount every night. It is ok to help them as much as they need.

**Have a go writing book:** Children can use this free writing book to do any writing they would like (eg book review, game instructions, letter, wanted poster, facts about an animal)

**Phonics book:** Practise reading and writing words linked to your child's developing phonic knowledge. There will be a spelling quiz every Friday.

**Maths learning journey:** Play games to practise the targets that your child is working towards. Children will be tested on their targets on a Thursday morning but we may not get through everyone every week so there may be a 2 week gap between testing and moving onto new targets.

It's also great if you can chat to your child about what we have done in school. Please remember the door is always open if you need to talk about anything to do with your child.

### Staff who work with your children during the week:

Mrs Perry (Class teacher); Mrs Walker (Teaching Assistant Mon - Fri); Mrs Pell (Teaching Assistant Mon - Weds and Thursday afternoon); Mrs Laycock (Teaching on a Thursday morning); Mrs Martin (Maths Learning Journey - Thursday morning)